

J. M. COE SAYS HE WILL ERECT NEW OPERA HOUSE

WHICH WILL HAVE A SEATING CAPACITY OF 1,600, AND WHICH WILL BE MODERN IN EVERY RESPECT—LEASE ON THE PRESENT HOUSE EXPIRES ON JUNE FIRST.

J. M. Coe, manager of the Pensacola opera house, announced yesterday that he would shortly commence the erection in Pensacola of a new play house, to be known as "The Erlanger," the name being given to it in honor of Mr. Erlanger, a member of the great syndicate of Klaw & Erlanger, who control most of the big shows now touring the country.

The statement of Mr. Coe, as given to the Journal, is as follows: "You may mention, as an item of news interesting to the public, that I will build an up-to-date theatre to be ready for business September 1st."

"It will have a seating capacity of sixteen hundred (1600) and will be called 'The Erlanger.' The plans are by McElrick, of New York, and the scenery by Sossman & Landis, of Chicago."

When seen last night by a Journal reporter and asked for additional information regarding the matter, Mr. Coe stated that he had given out for the information of the public all that he could do at this time, and that at present he did not care to divulge the probable location of the new house.

He stated, however, that the house would be modern in every respect and would be a credit to the city. There will be three floors, according to the plans, and the lower one will have a seating capacity of about 800. This will be the most prominent of the three floors, and will be handsomely furnished throughout.

Mr. Coe stated that the new house would be opened for business on September 1st, of this year, and that he would surrender the present house on June 1st, when his lease expires.

He admitted that Jas. M. Muldon has purchased the Pensacola opera house from Miss Sullivan, of New York, who owned the property, but said he did not know anything about the future arrangements of the place. He had known, though, that Mr. Muldon had been negotiating for the purchase of the property for the past two months, and when he learned that it had been sold decided upon building a house of his own with every modern equipment and convenience.

Mr. Coe paid a visit to New York some three weeks ago, during which time he made arrangements for the drawing up of the plans and gave out the contract for the scenery. Owing to the fact that all arrangements have not yet been completed for the site for the new house, Mr. Coe did not care to have anything to say on this subject.

The new house will be in the circuit of Klaw & Erlanger, and will get all of the prominent plays controlled by that company, and many believe that this big theatrical firm is interested in the new house.

PROGRESS OF GOVERNMENT IN WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

TRAINING SAILORS TO MAN NEW STATIONS—ENTIRE COAST TO BE COVERED BY SYSTEM—SPECIAL LONG DISTANCE INSTRUMENTS FOR PENSACOLA.

A recent issue of the New York Tribune contained the following interesting article on the progress the government is making in the science of wireless telegraphy. The article is particularly interesting to Pensacolians, in view of the fact that this city is mentioned in the article as being equipped with a special set of long distance instruments, probably of sufficient power to communicate with Colon district, as this is the nearest port to the Isthmus of Panama. The Tribune says:

The United States government, especially the navy, is just now making rapid strides in wireless telegraphy and is destined to lead the world in the extensive use of this system of communication. A series of elaborate experiments has been in progress recently, which has terminated in satisfactory results, far surpassing the expectations of the experts. Already some of our country, and a link, which will complete the dream of half a century, that of telegraphically uniting America and Asia, by way of Behring strait, is scheduled for the near future by some highly sanguine persons, who declare that an Arctic trading company now holding a concession from the Russian government will build an overland telegraph spanning northern Siberia, connecting with the line extending along the Trans-Siberian railway from Vladivostok to St. Petersburg.

Wireless School. In order to meet the increasing demand for duty at wireless shore stations and on ships already established and shortly to be equipped, the United States navy has established the most thorough wireless school in the world. This, the latest department of the service instruction, is quartered in the second story of the bureau of equipment building, Brooklyn navy yard. Lieut. W. A. Edgar, United States navy, is executive officer of the electrical and wireless school. Chief Electrician Bean, who has charge of the navy yard wireless station, and Chief Electrician Delany are instructors. The class is housed on board the receiving ship Hancock, and the hours for experimental work are 9 to 12 and 1 to 4. Saturday until Monday is liberty time, when they have shore leave.

Sailors Being Trained. At present a corps of twenty-five sailors is being daily instructed in the mysteries of this new system of communication. After completing three months of systematic work their term is ended. The curriculum of thirty days seems short, but, owing to the scientific and systematic drilling of Chief Electricians Bean and Delany, the class of wireless aspirants is qualified in that time to graduate, and the graduates are competent to enter any ship or shore station of the navy and are able to flash a message at the rate of 100,000 miles a second 100 or 200 miles distance and accurately receive an answer to the same.

Pay of Operators. On graduation they are at once sent aboard ships and to various sections far and near to begin real work, their salary increasing as promoted. With hammock snugly rolled up, containing his regulation bed, bag and grip, with various necessities, the graduate sets off either for some tropic point, or, possibly, the bleak Arctic coast of Alaska. In order to get a fine body of operators Uncle Sam offers liberal pay inducements, including board, etc., far in excess of, in fact almost double, those of the ordinary seamen recruits. The latter

receive only \$16 a month, while the electrical boy who enlists and passes a preliminary examination in that branch is rated at once as third-class electrician at \$30 a month. Advancement is certain, if accompanied by conscientious labor, up to second-class, bringing \$40, and the first class, \$50, and so on to the highest rating of chief, with pay of \$70.

Network of Stations. The bureau of equipment is preparing to establish a network of wireless stations covering the entire coast of the United States from Key West and other Southern points to Sitka, Alaska, and the Aleutian islands on the north, likewise on the insular possessions, Honolulu, Midway islands, Guam, the Philippines and the east and west ends of the Panama canal. A specially powerful set of apparatus is to be supplied to the station on the Farallone islands, off San Francisco, and it is predicted that it is within possibility to communicate from that point with the station at Honolulu, 2,100 miles away. Special sets of long-distance instruments are to be installed at Guantanamo, Cuba; San Juan, Porto Rico;

Key West and Pensacola, Fla. Colon and Panama, perfecting the greatest long range inter-communication in the navy, over 1,000 miles intervening between some of these points. The combined stations proposed and established on shore and afloat for the United States navy make a grand total of 202. At present there are about thirty.

Some noted records have already been accomplished. The Minneapolis, while passing Cape Henry recently, read the government weather report, which was being sent out from the station there, 95 miles distant from the ship. The same vessel read the message from the Nantucket shoal lightship, 100 miles away. This was considered a creditable achievement, as the height of the mast of the lightship was only 108 feet and that of the Minneapolis 130.

Small Blaze Yesterday. The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock to a vacant house at the corner of Cavallos and Intendencia streets, where there was a small blaze, which was extinguished with little difficulty. The fire was evidently of incendiary origin. The house is owned by Mrs. Tourant.

NEWS OF THE WEEK
AT PINE BARREN

NEW PASTOR GIVEN A WELCOME
ING POUND PARTY—PERSONAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Pine Barren, Jan. 21.—Rev. J. O. Lawrence moved into the parsonage last Saturday and his many friends and well wishers surprised him with a pound party on Saturday night and spent a very pleasant evening with him and his charming daughter. Before leaving Mr. Z. T. Williams, in a few appropriate remarks, welcomed him in the name of the community.

Rev. J. S. Wade, presiding elder of this district, preached a very eloquent sermon on Saturday at 11 a. m., his subject being "The Love of Christ for the Human Family." The Rev. Wade will preach here again to-morrow. Rev. Mr. Wade and his niece are guests of Mrs. C. L. Wiggins.

Mr. F. Giest and two sons, John and Charley, spent Sunday in Century the guests of Mr. Giest's parents.

Mr. C. L. Wiggins made a business visit to Pensacola on Monday.

Mr. Finlay, of Pollard, was here Wednesday, combining business and pleasure.

The many friends of Miss Sallie Campbell will be pained to learn that she is quite ill at the home of her niece, Mrs. B. Jernigan.

CATARRAH CONQUERED.

Remarkable Cures Follow Introduction of New Drug, Ascatco.

New York, Jan. 21.—Evidence of the wonderful cures effected by the new Austrian discovery, ascatco, in catarrh, asthma, and bronchitis, continue to pour in from all parts of the country. Catarrh, evidently, this time, has met its master. Consular reports show that obstinate cases have been cured by 500 drops. The dose is minute, being but seven drops daily. The Austrian dispensary, No. 6 East Fourteenth street, New York, has been empowered to carry on the work in this country of stamping out these three dreaded diseases, and to send and is sending sample bottles free by mail on application to persons in all parts of the country.

NOTES FROM THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL

YOUNG LADIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 1 PLAY BASKET-BALL WITH CLASSICAL SCHOOL BOYS.

An interesting game of basketball was played Saturday at Armory hall between the young ladies of the Public High School and the Pensacola Classical School boys. The score was 44 to 6 in favor of the P. C. S. The line-up was as follows:

P. C. S.—Sublett, R. F.; Brent, L. E.; O'Brien, R. G.; Avery, center; Skinner, captain.

P. H. S.—Miss E. Swaine, forward; Miss A. Quina, forward; Miss D. Swaine, guard; Miss Ward, center; Miss Rochblave, center; Miss Palmes, captain.

The members of the lower middle class will hold an "experience meeting" Thursday. The geometry question will be discussed and very good results are expected.

The members of the two upper classes presented declamations before the school on Friday afternoon. This feature of the curriculum proves to be a great source of help, especially among those whose public appearances have been few and far between.

The dance given Friday, a week ago by the pupils of the Pensacola Classical School in their gymnasium was a very enjoyable affair.

As examination time is drawing near, this little hop served as a stimulus to the drooping spirits, and we look forward with renewed hope to the trials of next week.

Exercises in the gymnasium were suspended for several days during the past week on account of the severe weather.

EXCURSION NEXT WEDNESDAY.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will give a boat excursion on the steamer Columbia to the Life Saving Station next Wednesday, January 25. The boat will leave at 10 a. m., returning at 4 p. m. A trip to the navy yard will be made. Refreshments will be served, consisting of fish chowder, fried fish, coffee, etc. The fare for the round trip will be only 50 cents. Anyone is invited.

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WATER WORKS WANTED FIRST

GOOD STREETS ARE NEEDED BUT FOLLY TO PAVE THEM BEFORE WATER AND SEWER PIPES ARE LAID.

Editor Pensacola Journal:

There is one point in regard to a new waterworks to which I wish to direct the attention of every citizen. Our city is sadly in need of public improvements and we had just as well settle down to the fact that we will drag along at the tail end of the procession until we get them.

Our magnificent harbor and unsurpassed natural advantages make us aspire to become a great commercial city and to desire to attain the comforts and conveniences and advantages that belong to a great city. But all our aspirations and desires will be as ashes until we DO something.

Oldest and Slowest.

We justly boast of being the oldest city in the United States, but we might also say that our city is the slowest. Our harbor has been an important one for generations and enough good material has been dumped into our water front to pave every road in the county and every street in the city, and yet we are hobbling along as a long-haired town with only a piece of one street paved. This is rather tough comment but it is the truth.

Good management on the part of the authorities would have secured to the city every ton of ballast that came to the city and the ships could have been made to place it upon the streets where it was desired. If such had been done Pensacola to-day may have had the prettiest and most substantial paved streets of any city on the Gulf coast. That it has not been done is nothing to the credit of past administrations.

Streets a Disgrace.

Here we are to-day organizing big land companies and endeavoring to get people to invest in property and settle down among us and yet the streets abutting against our little piece of a paved street would be a disgrace to any fourth-class village. For instance, look at Intendencia from Palafox down to Baylen. Is it any wonder that people abroad ask the question: "Is Pensacola still down on Palafox street?" When anyone suggests better improvements the mossback gentry can flare up and retort by saying "if one does not like the town he can get out of it; no one asked him to come here." This has been done and may be done again, but it is a "mighty powerful" way to NOT build a city.

I take it for granted that ninety per cent of our people are in favor of better streets, and we are looking forward to the legislature to amend our bond bill so that the bonds will be marketable, so that we can sell them and build streets.

Waterworks First.

Now I come to the point that I wish to impress on the people. What is the use of spending two or three hundred thousand dollars to pave the streets and then proceed at once to tear them up to lay water pipes and then tear them up again to lay sewer pipes? This is precisely what would have to be done. We need a sewer system very much and must have it in the near future, but before we can have that we must have an adequate water system.

Now it seems to me that it would be good common sense for the city to first get a good waterworks; one with large pipes and modern machinery, capable of delivering plenty of water at all times. Then the city should install a system of sewerage that would be ample and up-to-date. With these two systems installed then it would be the proper time to pave the streets.

Therefore, the very first thing that Pensacola needs and must have before it can be classed as an up-to-date city is a new waterworks system.

The people of Pensacola would do much better to recognize this fact now and act upon it than to drag along at the tail end of the procession for fifteen or twenty years and then act upon it.

DEATH OF AN AGED MASON

E. E. KELLY, A MASON FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, EXPIRES AT HIS HOME HERE.

The death of E. E. Kelly, who passed away Saturday morning, has created a vacancy in fraternal ranks that it will be impossible to fill, and carried away an old and respected resident.

Mr. Kelly's position was unique. He was honorably connected with almost every fraternal order in the city and for years had been tyler for all the local lodges with which he was connected, besides being also sentinel for the Masonic ladies lodge of "The Eastern Star."

Mr. Kelly was 81 years old and had been a Mason for more than half a century.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes to a large and exquisitely beautiful star from the ladies of the Eastern Star, who greatly deplore the loss their lodge has thus sustained.

The funeral takes place from his late residence, 1718 West Jackson street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the interment takes place in Myrtle Grove cemetery.

E. T. Davis in Washington, Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Hon. E. T. Davis, is in Washington attending to legal matters before the supreme court.

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THE WEATHER.

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TERSELY TOLD.

Miss Jessie Brown, from Fountain Avenue, St. Louis, is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. MacGibbons on North Barcelona street.

Rev. S. Y. Pitts goes to Milton this morning, where he will preach at the Baptist church in place of the regular pastor, Rev. J. A. Abbott, who is now in Oklahoma at the bedside of his daughter, who is very ill.

A late train will be run Monday night by the Terminal Company in order to accommodate those residing along the line who wish to see the performance at the opera house, leaving Palafox at 11 o'clock.

The steamer Tarpon, which was due in port yesterday from points on her route, did not reach here on schedule time, owing to the fact that she left